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8. The method according to claim 1, wherein the modification of base sequence is performed so as not to have ATTTA sequence.

9. The method according to claim 1, characterized by having Kozak sequence in the upstream of the initiation codon of the gene to be introduced.

10. The method according to claim 1, wherein the gene to be introduced encodes a protein involved in absorption of nutrition.

13. The method according to claim 1, wherein the useful plant is grass.

14. The method according to claim 1, wherein the useful plant is tobacco.

15. A transformed useful plant which can be produced by the method according to claim 1.

Please cancel claims 17-21 without prejudice.

#### **REMARKS**

Claims 3, 5-10 and 13-15 have been amended and claims 17-21 have been cancelled without prejudice. No new matter has been added by virtue of this amendment; support therefore being found throughout the specification and in the original claims of the application. Moreover, the claims have been amended merely to remove improper multiple dependencies and to cancel those claims elected for initial examination in the parent application, USSN 09/646,825.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment prior to examination.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.